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Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I address you as the newly appointed Chancellor of the Kern Community College District. As I step into this role, I am filled with a profound sense of responsibility and commitment to serve each and every one of you to the best of my ability.

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude for entrusting me with this vital position. I understand the significance of the role of Chancellor in fostering an environment of academic excellence, innovation, and inclusivity. With your support and collaboration, I am confident that we can continue to propel our district to new heights of success.

One of my foremost priorities as Chancellor is to establish a culture of transparency, authenticity, and accessibility. I firmly believe that open communication and genuine dialogue are essential for building trust and fostering a sense of belonging within our community. To that end, I am committed to being present at all of our physical sites, actively engaging with students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders to listen to your concerns, ideas, and aspirations.



In my tenure as Chancellor, I am deeply invested in several key areas that I believe will greatly benefit our college communities. Firstly, student housing at all of our colleges holds paramount importance. Addressing housing concerns is not only critical in itself but also integral to our broader recruitment efforts, particularly for out-of-state and international students. By enhancing housing options, we can bolster our marketing strategies and attract a more diverse student body, thereby enriching our learning environment.

Secondly, I am passionate about recruiting out-of-state and international students and fostering learning communities within our colleges. Housing serves as the foundation for building these holistic learning communities, where students from different disciplines come together as cohorts. Through coordinated co-curricular activities, field trips, and engaging guest speakers, we can create immersive educational experiences that transcend traditional classroom boundaries.



Additionally, the expansion of four-year applied baccalaureate programs across all three institutions is crucial for our continued growth and academic excellence. By offering these programs, we provide our students with greater opportunities for advancement and career readiness.

Furthermore, I am dedicated to optimizing resource sharing and cross-collaboration across our district. Leveraging the expertise of faculty and staff from all campuses and extension

centers is essential for maximizing efficiency and effectiveness. By fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation, we can streamline bureaucratic processes and better serve the needs of our college community.

Finally, I recognize that building strong relationships within our college communities and beyond is paramount to earning trust and fostering collaboration. I am committed to engaging with students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders in meaningful dialogues, listening to their perspectives, and incorporating their input into decision-making processes. By nurturing these relationships and demonstrating transparency, authenticity, and a genuine dedication to our shared goals, I am confident that together, we can realize our vision for a vibrant and inclusive learning community. Your confidence in me as Chancellor is invaluable, and I am fully committed to earning and upholding it each day.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Bloomberg
Chancellor

